Milanese. After various military and diplomatic feints to persuade it that I intended to cross at Valenm, I have made a forced march with 5000 grenadiers and 1500 horse on Castel San Giovanni.

9 A. M. At the crossing of the Po.

We have reached the crossing of the Po, where the enemy shows about 150 cavalry; the infantry must still be in the direction of Valenza. The generaJ-in-chief is therefore determined to cross at once with the advance guard.

We jumped into the boats. Chef de brigade Lannes, brave and intelligent, was first on the bank. The divisions of the army are hurrying their march, since our movement is now unmasked.

Afternoon:

All the advance guard and Laharpe's division art across the Po.

8th. Beaulieu, perceiving our movement, realizes too late that his fortifications at Pavia are useless, and that the French republicans are not so foolish as was Francis I!

9th. (To Carnot.) Beaulieu has been surprised; his moves are weak, and he constantly walks into the traps that are set for him. What we have captured from the enemy is incalculable. I am sending you twenty pictures